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Preface

Publication of the first special issue of The Horticulture Journal

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In 2015, the Journal of the Japanese Society for Horticultural Science (JSHS) was renamed The Horticulture Journal (Hort. J.) to disseminate cutting-edge information on horticultural science research. The Japanese Society for Horticultural Science, which publishes Hort. J., has organized this special issue to further enhance the attractiveness of this journal. The theme of the first special issue is horticultural production restoration efforts in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake. Numerous people have died or remain missing and a great many were injured. Agricultural land has also suffered extensive damage from the earthquake, tsunami, radioactive materials, and so on.

Technological development to restore agricultural production has been initiated and practical farms have been established to demonstrate ways to combine old and new technologies to promote agricultural production. Unfortunately, many of these research and demonstration efforts are recorded in Japanese, making it difficult for many people to fully understand what has been done. Considering that such farmland reconstruction efforts should be useful in the face of a similar disaster in the future, I planned this first special issue of Hort. J. I expect that various special issues of Hort. J. will follow in the future.